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SUBJECT: GATEMOUTH BROWN

1. GATEMOUTH BROWN AND GATE'S EXPRESS OPENED TO 400 INVITED PAYING GUESTS AT THE MADAGASCAR HILTON LAST NIGHT (OCTOBER 18) AND MADE THE "ALL TANANARIVE" SOCIETY FORGET TO KEEP THEIR LACES STRAIGHT. CO-SPONSORED BY USIS AND THE ROTARY CLUB, THE CONCERT NETTED PROCEEDS FOR PROJECTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES. DURING THE FIRST HALF, THE GROUP, WHICH, RATHER THAN STICKING TO A SET PROGRAM, PLAYS SELECTIONS SUITED TO THE TYPE OF AUDIENCE, STRESSED JAZZ AND BLUES FEATURING BROWN'S AMAZING GUITAR WORK. THE SECOND HALF HIGHLIGHTED COUNTRY AND CAJUN MUSIC, AND GATEMOUTH COAXED HIS ELECTRIC FIDDLE INTO SINGING, CRYING, HOWLING, EVEN TALKING TO THE AUDIENCE. IT WAS DURING THIS SECOND HALF THAT THE ROTARIANS AND COMPANY LET THEIR HAIR DOWN AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY VOICED AND APPLAUDED THEIR APPROVAL OF THIS EXTREMELY TALENTED BAND.

2. INCLUDED IN THE AUDIENCE WERE: SEVERAL MALAGASY OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND GENERAL GILLES ANDRIAMAHAZO, FORMER HEAD OF STATE AND CURRENT-  
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LY PRESIDENT OF THE MILITARY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

3. IN TODAY'S MADAGASCAR MATIN, AN ILLUSTRATED STORY SAID THAT GATEMOUTH AND HIS BAND "DIDN'T HAVE TO GIVE THEIR ALL TO ENLIVEN THE EVENING, SO OUTSTANDING HAVE THEY BECOME IN THE ART OF COMMUNICATING THEIR PASSION FOR THIS HOT MUSIC FROM THE UNITED STATES".

4. MEANWHILE, TICKET SALES FOR THE TWO PUBLIC CONCERTS OF TONIGHT AND TOMORROW EVENING ARE FRANTIC, WITH REQUESTS FOR BLOCKS OF TICKETS IN FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.  
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